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SUBJECT: BURMA: INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP ON AVIAN FLU AND  
PANDEMIC INFLUENZA

REF: A. STATE 164134

[1](#)B. RANGOON 1036

[1](#)C. RANGOON 988

[1](#)D. RANGOON-EAP/MLS E-MAILS

[1](#)1. (SBU) On September 9, post delivered ref A talking points and the Statement of Core Principles to MFA Americas Division Director U Min Lwin and International Organizations Division Director U Denzil Abel. Per ref D, we excised the talking point that specifically invited Burma to join the partnership.

[1](#)2. (U) In a follow up conversation with U Denzil Abel, we emphasized that the United States would announce the partnership initiative during upcoming UNGA meetings and that we placed a high priority on the avian influenza (AI) issue. We also encouraged a GOB reaction to the demarche at the earliest opportunity. U Denzil Abel responded that he would inform the GOB's UNGA delegation, which departs for New York the evening of September 9 under the leadership of Foreign Minister U Nyan Win.

[1](#)3. (SBU) The GOB rarely responds to U.S. demarches and it is unlikely they will do so in this case. Per refs B-C, GOB leaders do not yet appear to place a high priority on AI issues.  
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